AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment of xerostomia, comprising administering a composition comprising a solid, dried, water-soluble or water-dispersible linseed extract that has an adsorption of at least 1.2 mg/m^2, wherein the adsorption is measured by contacting an aqueous solution or dispersion of the extract with a silica substrate, rinsing the silica substrate and then measuring the adsorption by ellipsometry.

19. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ method according to claim 18, wherein the adsorption of the extract is from 1.3 to 5 mg/m^2~~, preferably from 1.4 to 4 mg/m^2, more preferably from 1.5 to 3 mg/m^2~~.

20. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ method according to claim 18, wherein the extract has been spray dried or freeze dried.

21. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ method according to claim 18, wherein the adsorption of the extract is from 1.75 to 2.5 mg/m^2~~, preferably the adsorption is about 2 mg/m^2~~.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ method according to claim 18, wherein in the adsorption measurement method, there is a contact time between when the aqueous solution or dispersion of the extract contacts the silica substrate and when the silica substrate is rinsed, wherein the contact time is from 100 to 3000 seconds~~, preferably from 500 to 2500 seconds, more preferably from 1000 to 2000 seconds~~.

23. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ method according to claim 18, wherein the composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

24. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ method according to claim 23, wherein the composition comprises less than 10% water by weight~~, preferably less than 5% water by weight, more preferably less than 2% water by weight, most preferably less than 1% water by weight~~.

25. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ method according to claim 18, wherein the composition is in solid form ~~and is preferably presented in the form of a tablet, capsule or a powder~~.

26. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the adsorption of the extract is from 1.4 to 4 mg/m^2.

27. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the adsorption of the extract is from 1.5 to 3 mg/m^2.

28. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the adsorption of the extract is about 2 mg/m^2.

29. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the extract has been spray dried.

30. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the contact time is from 500 to 2500 seconds.

31. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the contact time is from 1000 to 2000 seconds.

32. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the composition comprises less than 5% water by weight.

33. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the composition comprises less than 2% water by weight.

34. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the composition comprises less than 1% water by weight.

35. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the composition is presented in the form of a tablet, capsule or a powder.